

The sky was dark with clouds. A cool breeze moved the tops of the trees. A group of children was walking home from school. Katie, John, Mary, and Charlie lived on Hall Street and went to Goodner School. They were excited because it was Halloween. They would get candy and treats this night.

They talked about what they were going to wear. Katie was going to be a witch. Mary was dressing like a movie star. Charlie was going to dress as a clown. John had an old sheet and was going to be a ghost.

They went home to get ready. Then they met in front of John's house with big bags to carry the candy.

Charlie looked funny with makeup on his face. John looked scary and Mary looked like a grownup. Katie had a long, pointed nose glued to her face. It was ugly.

They started trick-or-treating. They got gum and candy bars from some people. Others gave out popcorn balls or candy apples.

Soon they were near the Roots' house. It was old and dark. There were weeds growing around the front door. The children had heard stories about the Root family. Mrs. Root had locked Mr. Root in the attic. He had lived there for years. Then the police came and let him out.

Mrs. Root lived by herself in the house now. The four friends had never seen her. John said she ate squirrels and bugs. Katie said she had broken teeth and hair like straw. They were scared to pass by the old house.

There were no lights on in the house. Iron bars were on the windows and doors. "I am scared," said Katie. "Me, too," said

John. "I am afraid Mrs. Root will catch us and lock us up in her house."

Then they heard a loud scream. It was coming from the house. Katie screamed and started to run. Mary and Charlie followed her. John ran, too, but he dropped his bag of candy. He ran back to get it. "Come on, John! Run before she catches you!" the others yelled. John got his bag and they all ran home. They fell on the grass, out of breath. "I wonder who or WHAT that was," said Charlie. "I think it was someone locked in the attic," said Katie.

The children ran in to tell their parents. John's mom said someone was just trying to scare them.

When they went to bed, each one wondered who had screamed at Mrs. Root's house. What do you think?

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